



HOUSE OF COMMONS
CANADA

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Mr. Rick Beaudoin
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Dear Mr. Beaudoin,

Please be advised that I have received a reply to my representations on your behalf from the Solicitor General of Canada concerning information you requested on Lee Harvey Oswald.

The Minister informs me that if, in fact, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police do have a file on Lee Harvey Oswald, its contents, although about a deceased, would still have to be considered personal information and are thus unavailable to third parties.

Even applying the proposed Access to Information Act would not be of assistance under these circumstances. Under its provisions, information about deceased persons is considered personal and not available to third parties until at least twenty years after death. Therefore, the information could not be processed for release to you until late 1983 at the earliest.

Under the circumstances, I regret that my reply cannot be more positive.

Yours sincerely,

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